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Mission Statement

Introduction:

VOCAL is an acronym for Victims Of Clergy Abuse Linkup. We are a national response to an assault on innocence and faith. VOCAL recognizes that clergy abuse manifests itself in many different forms and leaves many victims, direct and indirect, in its wake. In addition to child victims of sexual abuse by pedophilic clergy, there are also adults who are victims of clergy who have abused their special positions of trust, authority and power to take advantage, physically and emotionally, of others. Further, for each direct victim, there is an ever-widening pool of indirect victims which includes their families, friends, present and future boy/girlfriends, spouses and children, congregations, and the institutional religion itself. The significance of the problem is shown by research which documents that it involves between 3%-6% of the clergy population. Research also shows that during their lifetime, each pedophile tends to abuse an average of 285 victims.

The long-lasting, pervasive and devastating psychological effects of this abuse are well documented in the psychiatric and psychological research and are undisputed. In addition to its obvious effects on the direct and indirect victims' faith, spiritual life and relationship with organized, institutional religion, there are the devastating effects on the individuals' abilities to develop mature, trusting and gratifying interpersonal relationships. It is not uncommon, especially for child/teenage victims, to suffer the adverse psychological aftereffects of their abuse for the rest of their lives.

It is to assist and empower these victims, to prevent future victims, and to persuade the various institutional religions to develop and implement responsible, accountable policies, and to assist compassionately in healing victims (and abusers) that VOCAL, Inc. was formed.

Purpose:

The purpose of VOCAL is to develop an organized national response to the problem of clergy abuse and the various institutional religions' failure, and in some cases outright refusal, to address the problem. VOCAL seeks to help victims confront the facts of their abuse, to obtain the psychological counseling necessary to heal themselves, and, if they desire, to assert their legal rights. It also seeks to urge the various institutional religions to develop and implement responsible, accountable policies and procedures to identify clerical abusers and their victims, to remove clerical abusers from positions which provide them easy access to potential victims, to provide healing not only to all direct and indirect victims but, to the extent therapeutically possible, to the clerical abuser himself, and to cooperate with all appropriate civil and criminal

authorities. VOCAL seeks to involve in its mission victims, clergy, laypersons, mental health professionals, lawyers, doctors and anyone else who shares in its purpose.

Goals:

It is the primary goal of VOCAL to prevent clergy abuse, and to empower and assist its victims to overcome its traumatic effects on their lives. VOCAL seeks to encourage organized religious institutions to develop and implement responsible, accountable policies and procedures to insure that:

1. within the limits of our present professional knowledge, that candidates for the clergy are pre-screened and evaluated by competent, qualified psychiatric professionals for abusive behavior/tendencies before ordination, commissioning and/or assignment;
2. victims of clergy abuse are encouraged to report their abusers both to church and to appropriate civil authorities;
3. consistent with each religion's theological tenets, it provides a therapeutic, healing and compassionate response to all victims of each and every abusive situation;
4. consistent with each religion's theological tenets, it provides a therapeutic, healing and compassionate response to all accused abusers;
5. that institutional religions comply with and obey all civil laws regarding the reporting of alleged and suspected instances of child abuse and fully, voluntarily and without reservation cooperate with the appropriate civil authorities in any and all criminal investigations and prosecutions of alleged child abuse, and other criminal investigations;
6. that institutional religions develop, maintain and effectively utilize a record-keeping system of reported abuse and reported abusers to prevent their being "recycled" from one assignment to another where they are likely to encounter other potential victims;
7. to provide a network of victims, mental health professionals, doctors, lawyers, other clergy and concerned laypeople to assist victims in healing the traumatic effects on their lives of their abuse by clergy.

VOCAL, Inc. welcomes your support and assistance.
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**Victims Of Clergy Abuse Linkup
FIRST ANNUAL NATIONAL CONFERENCE**

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Chicago / Arlington Hilton & Towers

Friday, October 16, 1992:

- Michigan Superior* 4:00 p.m. Registration Table Opens
Pre-registrants sign in and pick up Program Packets
Walk-In registrations
Media registration at Press Table
- 6:30 p.m. Wine and Cheese Welcome Reception
- 7:00 p.m. *Welcome Address:*
- BREAKING THE CYCLE OF SILENCE**
Jeanne Miller, M.A., President and Executive Director of VOCAL
- 7:45 p.m. *Opening Prayer and Presentation:*
- BLUEPRINT FOR THE FUTURE**
Cardinal Joseph Bernardin, Archbishop of Chicago
Cardinal Bernardin will articulate what the Archdiocese has done and will continue to do to eliminate the evil of sexual abuse with children and young people on the part of priests and other Church personnel and to respond to the needs of the victims and their families. His appearance tonight demonstrates the integrity of the Church and his personal commitment to ending the saga of sexual abuse by clergy.
- 8:30 p.m. *Keynote Address:*
- IS NOTHING SACRED?**
Rev. Marie Fortune, United Church of Christ Ordained Minister and Executive Director of the Center for the Prevention of Sexual and Domestic Violence, Seattle, Washington. Rev. Fortune is a pastor, educator, and author as well as a practicing ethicist and theologian. Rev. Fortune provides an overview of sexual abuse by clergy in the ministerial relationship including definitions, ethical analysis, theological basis for response and status report on denominational responses.

Safari Suite 9:30 p.m. Hospitality Suites open: (Snacks and Beverages)
"Camaraderie Time" - meet and mingle

Saturday, October 17, 1992:

Lake Erie 8:00 to *Exhibit Room Open*
7:30 p.m. Pertinent published material will be available for sale and/or
distribution.
Arlington A 9:00 to Survivors' artwork/poetry on display - Contributions invited.
10:15 a.m. *Opening Address:*

THE EMPOWERMENT OF VICTIMS

Jason Berry has written widely about the clergy child molestation scandals, and received a 1986 Catholic Press Association award for such coverage in the *National Catholic Reporter*. Doubleday has just published his book, *Lead Us Not Into Temptation: Catholic Priests and the Sexual Abuse of Children*. Jason offers an account of the clergy sex abuse scandals, in scope and impact, and the potency of a victims' organization. He gives an analysis of the ecclesiastical power structure, rooted in sexual segregation -- the mentality of denial, strategies of duplicity and counter-attack. How should laity confront the hierarchy?

10:30 to 11:45 a.m. CONCURRENT SESSIONS:

- Woodfield III* A. **SELF-HELP GATHERING (For Survivors Only)**
Barbara Blaine is a survivor of child sexual abuse by a priest, founder and leader of SNAP (Survivors Network For Those, Who As Children, Were Sexually Abused By Priests). This workshop will give survivors an opportunity to meet together, share survival techniques and tell their stories to each other. **No taping of any kind will be permitted in the Self-Help Gathering.**
- Lake Huron* B. **IDENTIFICATION OF RITUAL ABUSE
IN A COMMUNITY SETTING**
Beth Vargo is the President and co-founder of the Illinois Chapter of **Believe the Children**, 1986 to the present. She is a Community Relations Representative, Center for Treatment of Ritualistic Deviance, Hartgrove Hospital, 1989 to the present. Beth became involved in this issue as a result of her own child being ritualistically abused in a pre-school setting. Allegations common to ritual abuse cases are outlined; methods of coercion used to control and terrorize the children are described; the impact of the abuse on children and families is discussed. Slides of children's artwork are used to illustrate disclosures.
- Lake Ontario* C. **HOW CAN I BE A CLERGY ABUSE SURVIVOR
AND RAISE A FAMILY TOO?**
Chris Schmidt, abused as a child and adult for many years by her Presbyterian minister, has pursued legal and ecclesiastical avenues to bring her perpetrator to accountability. She has been active in working within church structures to create effective clergy abuse policies and procedures in both the Presbyterian and Episcopalian denominations. This past May, she testified before the New York

State Senate Codes Committee to advocate for the abolishment of the statute of limitations for cases of child sex abuse. Chris shares her personal realization of how sexual exploitation and betrayal by a member of the clergy often results in extreme personal dysfunction for the survivor. Abilities to nurture our families become immobilized because of anger/rage, emotional fatigue, distrust of others, inability to experience close relationships, and the loss of spirituality. How can survivors of clergy abuse deal with these effects while, at the same time, be called upon to meet daily demands of a spouse and developing children? As part of this workshop, Chris discusses specific immobilizing aspects of day-to-day routines, as well as sharing strategies she has found useful in attempting to be a survivor.

Woodfield II

- D. **THE INSIDE-OUT OF CRIMINAL INVESTIGATIONS**
Detective Portia Wallace is a Lake County Sheriff's Youth Officer. Officer Wallace speaks about the multi-disciplinary approach to child abuse investigations and how the system overall needs improvement (i.e. Criminal Justice System; State's Attorney, etc.) She offers commentary on how the bureaucracy works or fails to work when allegations of sexual abuse are brought, particularly in cases involving clergy offenders.

Arlington A

- E. **BROKEN COVENANT**
Charles M. Sennott, author of *Broken Covenant* (Simon & Schuster, 1992), the story of Fr. Bruce Ritter's fall from grace, is currently Deputy City Editor of the *New York Daily News*. Mr. Sennott was working for the *New York Post* when he was assigned to investigate the Covenant House story which earned him the Society of Professional Journalists award for Public Service in Newspaper Journalism in 1990. In his presentation, Mr. Sennott explores the role of the press - breaking the Father Bruce Ritter story was a sad, painful journey to the truth. It was also an eye opening experience about the reluctance of news organizations and even most reporters who work at them to take on the clergy. Mr. Sennott will talk about how newspapers stayed away from the story because they feared losing their Catholic readership, why certain columnists blindly supported Ritter, and how both the church and the charity tried to use their influence to keep the story from coming out. Mr. Sennott will also talk about the need for journalists -- especially those with a strong faith -- to report as aggressively on the Church as they do on Washington or City Hall.

11:45 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. **LUNCH BREAK**

Arlington A

1:30 to
2:45 p.m.

Main Address:

**WHO IS THE SEX OFFENDER? -
EVALUATION AND TREATMENT**

Dr. James Cavanaugh is a Professor of Psychiatry, Rush Medical College, Director of the Section on Psychiatry and Law, Rush-Presbyterian-St. Luke's Medical Center, and the founder and current Chairman of the Board of Directors of the Isaac Ray Center in Chicago. Dr. Cavanaugh is a past president of the Illinois

Psychiatric Society, a past secretary of the American Academy of Psychiatry and the Law, and Editor Emeritus, *Behavioral Sciences and the Law*, John Wiley & Sons, New York. Dr. Cavanaugh's presentation is an overview of clinical techniques used to evaluate and, in certain cases, treat male sex offenders. A "clinical model" will be presented as a review of only one component of approaches to sexual misconduct in the clergy.

3:00 to 4:15 p.m.

CONCURRENT SESSIONS

Woodfield III

A. **WELLNESS SPIRITUALITY FOR ABUSED PERSONS**
"The Lord disciplines those He loves." (Prov 3:11-12)
Dr. John Pilch

A Mediterranean Sage advises: "He who loves his son will whip him often" (Sir 30:1). A Mediterranean theologian observes that God treats human beings the same way: "God disciplines us for our own good" (see Heb 12:3-11). That same biblical author exhorts: "Endure what you suffer!" (v. 6) This cultural tendency to fuse love and violence is praiseworthy in the Mediterranean world.

But on culture's virtue is another culture's vice. In the United States, people who physically abuse others - even relatives - are accountable under the law. Americans, who prize their freedom of self-determination and whose laws protect individual dignity, reject every kind of personal abuse. Can abused Americans find consolation and inspiration in their Mediterranean Bible? Can this same Bible convert abusers? A cross-cultural, biblically based, Wellness Spirituality addresses these challenges and seeks to offer insight and help to victims and abusers.

Lake Huron

B. **THE VICTIM-SENSITIVE INTERVIEW**
Mary Martone, MSW, ACSW, is the Assistant Director of the Behavioral Sciences Department at LaRabida Children's Hospital and Research Center in Chicago, Illinois. Mary Martone is a primary developer of the "Victim Sensitive Interview" procedure which has become the protocol for the City of Chicago Police Department, the Cook County State's Attorney's Office and the Illinois Department of Children and Family Services.

Lake Ontario

C. **THE TYPOLOGY OF CHILD MOLESTERS**
Kenneth Lanning is a Supervisory Special Agent assigned to the Behavioral Science Unit at the FBI Academy in Quantico, Virginia. He entered on duty with the FBI in 1970 and has been involved in studying the criminal aspects of deviant sexual behavior since 1973. He has specialized in the study of sexual victimization of children since 1981. He is a founding member of the Board of Directors of the American Professional Society on the Abuse of Children (APSAC) and a member of the Advisory Board of the National Resource Center on Child Sexual Abuse.

Woodfield II

D. **SEXUAL ABUSE BY PRIESTS - WHY?**

A. W. Richard Sipe, an ordained Catholic Priest, is now retired from the active ministry and lives in Maryland, where he is a psychotherapist in private practice. Richard Sipe has conducted lectures at John Hopkins Medical School where he has held an appointment in the Department of Psychiatry since 1972. He is the author of *A Secret World: Sexuality and the Search for Celibacy* (New York: Brunner / Mazel). Richard Sipe's presentation addresses the primary goal of VOCAL - "to prevent clergy abuse" by exposing five elements that foster abuse by Roman Catholic priests.

Arlington A

4:30 to
5:45 p.m.

Main Address:

**CLERGY SEXUAL ABUSE:
A SHORT HISTORY OF THE PROBLEM**

Fr. Thomas P. Doyle, O.P. has been involved with the issue of sexual abuse of children by the clergy since the fall of 1984. At that time he was secretary-canonist for the Vatican Embassy and was assigned the task of monitoring the correspondence regarding the case of Fr. Gilbert Gauthé in Lafayette, Louisiana. As such, he worked closely with Fr. Michael Peterson, M.D., founder of St. Luke's Institute in Suitland, Maryland, and Attorney Ray Mouton, defense attorney for Fr. Gauthé. Realizing that this could well be a growing problem throughout the country, in concert wrote an extensive 92-page volume on the looming crisis; it was distributed privately to the nation's Catholic Bishops 1985. Though their attempts and efforts at convincing the NCCB to establish a research committee and a crisis intervention team were futile, many bishops throughout the country called upon this threesome for assistance with specific cases or to present seminars to clergy about the issue. Fr. Doyle has written several articles on the issue and has also authored or co-authored policies and procedures for several dioceses and religious communities in the United States, Canada, Australia and New Zealand. In addition to working with bishops and religious superiors, Fr. Doyle has worked directly with victims and their families, law enforcement officials, attorneys, and priest-abusers. In concert with Ray Mouton and in the spirit of Rev. Dr. Mike Peterson (deceased), Fr. Doyle provides an historical account of how clergy abuse stretching across all denominations has been dealt with by civil and church authorities, especially since 1984.

5:40 to 8:00 p.m.

DINNER BREAK

6:00 to 7:00 p.m.

STARTING A LOCAL SUPPORT GROUP - VOCAL "CHAPTERS" *Lake Huron*
Jeanne Miller, Marilyn Steffel, Sandra Lindow, and Barbara Blaine

6:45 to 7:45 p.m.

BOOK SIGNINGS IN EXHIBIT ROOM

7:00 to 8:00 p.m.

MARIE FORTUNE: VIDEO SHOWCASE IN *Lake Huron*

Arlington A

8:00 to
9:15 p.m.

Main Address:

**REPRESENTING AND EMPOWERING SURVIVORS OF
CLERGY ABUSE - VISITING THE SINS OF
THE FATHERS UPON THE CHURCH**

Attorney Jeffrey Anderson represents over 150 victims of clergy abuse; handling cases in over 23 states, seeking compensation, exposure of wrongdoing and prevention. One of Mr. Anderson's goals is to eliminate the Statute of Limitations in all states to accommodate the phenomenon of "delayed awareness" in the justice system. Mr. Anderson's presentation consists of discussion on recovering damages; bringing lawsuits; special problems, obstacles, opportunities, and risks. He deals with questions such as, "What happens when victims come forward and sue? Why is the church facing a legal and moral crisis?"

Safari Suite

9:15 p.m.

Hospitality Suites open: (Snacks and Beverages)
"Camaraderie Time" - meet and mingle

Sunday, October 18, 1992:

Arlington A

8:30 to
10:15 a.m.

Panel Discussions:

Professionals and Victims/Survivors will be available for questions and answers.

Arlington A

10:30 to
11:45 a.m.

Main Address:

CLERICAL CULTURE AND PEDOPHILIA

Fr. Andrew Greeley is a Roman Catholic priest, sociologist, author, and professor of social science at the University of Chicago. Fr. Greeley recognizes that the church has forced itself again and again into adversarial relationships with trusting and devout laity. Even when the church desperately wants to reform its response to the pedophilia problem, it seems to be trapped in the perspectives and the paradigms of its past blunders. "The old game of hiding, covering up, bribing and intimidating won't work anymore," says Fr. Greeley. "The parents of victims are now too well-educated, too sophisticated, too angry and hurt to be bought off on the cheap or to be threatened into silence." Fr. Greeley's presentation deals with those factors in clerical culture that lead to the mammoth denial mechanisms among the hierarchy when faced with the problems of sexual abuse by clergy.

Michigan Superior

12:00 to
12:30 p.m.

Reclamation Celebration
Stephen Titra

12:30 to
1:00 p.m.

Closing Address:

SETTING A VISION

Jeanne Miller, President and Executive Director of VOCAL

1:00 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT

SPEAKER PROFILES

Jeffrey Anderson

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Mr. Anderson obtained his *Juris Doctorate* from William Mitchell College of Law in 1975 and is currently a partner in the lawfirm of Reinhardt & Anderson, representing over 150 victims of clergy abuse; handling cases in over 23 states, seeking compensation, exposure of wrongdoing and prevention. One of Mr. Anderson's goals is to eliminate the Statute of Limitations in all states to accommodate the phenomenon of "delayed awareness" in the justice system.

Mr. Anderson has lectured across the country on legal issues surrounding sexual abuse by clergy. He lobbied, testified and took a role in drafting legislation which extended the Statute of Limitations in Minnesota involving cases of sexual abuse (Minn. Stat. 541.073) SEXUAL ABUSE DAMAGE ACTIONS, SPECIAL PROVISIONS (1989), adopting delayed discovery of injury apply to sexual abuse. In 1992, he lobbied, testified and contributed to New York State Legislative enactment adopting special provisions for sexual abuse and harassment extending Statute of Limitations.

He is a member of the Minnesota Trial Lawyers Association, American Trial Lawyers Association (sustaining member), Certified Minnesota Trial Lawyers Association; National Association of Criminal Defense Lawyers, American Bar Association, Ramsey County Bar Association, Washington County Bar Association, New York State Trial Lawyers Association, Minnesota Criminal Defense Lawyers Association, Wisconsin Bar Association, American Bar Association Tort and Religion Section, Minnesota Bar Association, Trial Lawyers for Public Justice. Mr. Anderson is also a member of the Institute for the Prevention of Child Abuse, American Civil Liberties Union, Minnesota Civil Liberties Union, National Center on Child Abuse and Neglect, Center for the Prevention of Child Abuse and Neglect, National Resource Center on Child Sexual Abuse, Rivertown Restoration Society, Presiding Judge Minnesota Stat Bar, High School Mock Trial Competition, Law Day Lecturer State High School sponsored by Minnesota Bar Association, Save our Children Organization (SOCO), Children's Defense Fund and Victims of Clergy Abuse Linkup (VOCAL).

Joseph Cardinal Bernardin

Archdiocese of Chicago, P.O. Box 1979, Chicago, Illinois 60690

His Eminence, Joseph Cardinal Bernardin, Archbishop of Chicago, was ordained a priest in the Charleston, North Carolina diocese on April 26, 1952. He served as an associate at St. Joseph's Church, Charleston; was "in residence" at the Cathedral of Saint John the Baptist, Charleston, from 1954 to 1959, at which time he was proclaimed a "Right Reverend" and continued residency at the Cathedral until 1966 when he was appointed Titular Bishop of Lugura and Auxiliary Bishop of Atlanta, March 9, 1966; ordained April 26, 1966. He was General Secretary NCCB-USCC from 1968 to 1972. He was appointed Archbishop of Cincinnati, November 21, 1972; installed December 19, 1972. Appointed Archbishop of Chicago, July

10, 1982; installed August 25, 1982. He was created Cardinal Priest on February 2, 1983.

On June 15, 1992, Cardinal Bernardin held a news conference to make public deliberations and recommendations of a three-member Commission he appointed in October, 1991, to advise the Archdiocese of Chicago on the issue of clergy sexual misconduct with minors. Calling it a "landmark occasion", Bernardin cited the Commission's major recommendations and said he would begin immediately to "translate these recommendations into policy." Bernardin expressed his determination to "do all that is human possible to eradicate this problem" from the Church. His commitment echoed the Commission's closing words: "It should be clear to everyone that the Church will not condone [sexual misconduct with minors]. Nor will it simply hide or protect anyone who engages in it. The People of God have a right to be able to trust those who minister to them."

On September 21, 1992, the Cardinal announced the resulting policy entitled: *Clerical Sexual Misconduct with Minors: Policies for Education, Prevention, Assistance to Victims and Procedures for Determination of Fitness for Ministry*. The new policies place primary concern on the safety of children and the well being of the community. "This is a comprehensive, pastoral response of education, prevention and prompt action to address a problem of great concern to all of us," his press release stated. "The new policies are directed to the safety of children and to helping the Church make more informed decisions about returning priests to ministry. They formalize our efforts to cooperate with civil authorities."

The Archdiocese's overview reads as follows:

- * the new policies are built around an independent lay/clergy Review Board and Administrator charged with a stringent process to determine fitness for ministry.
- * The policies will be triggered immediately upon receipt of an allegation of sexual misconduct by a priest with a minor.
- * An 800-telephone number will be opened to receive information of an allegation.
- * A Victim Assistance Minister backed up by a team of trained specialists will be available to move quickly to provide assistance to a victim and any other affected person or community.
- * Psychological screening of seminarians will be improved and courses in sexual development will be evaluated and enhanced.
- * Unified personnel records will follow a priest from early studies throughout his entire career.
- * For the priests against whom allegations have been made, the Vicars for priests will continue to offer counsel, support and referral to professional resources.

The new policies require:

- * All clergy, religious order members, employees and volunteers working for the Archdiocese to comply fully with the letter and spirit of the new program.
- * All priests who have or request authorization to serve in the Archdiocese must certify in writing that they are familiar with the new policies, that is, they must know and understand what is expected of them.
- * Compliance with all civil reporting requirements related to sexual misconduct with a minor and cooperation with official investigations.

Cardinal Bernardin released the new policies commenting, "I share the anguish of all those affected by this tragedy: the victims, their families, their communities and priests. These new policies are designed to accommodate the needs of all these people whose lives have been changed forever by these tragic encounters. I accept the clinical data which suggest that once it has been demonstrated that a priest is an abuser, he should never again return to parish ministry or any ministry which might place a child at risk."

Jason Berry

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Jason Berry, a New Orleans journalist, won the 1986 Catholic Press Association Award for his coverage of the abuse scandals in Louisiana. He has written scores of articles on the subject for leading newspapers across the country. He is a graduate of Georgetown University and a recent recipient of a Patterson Journalism Fellowship for his reportage on David Duke. Doubleday has just published his book, *Lead Us Not Into Temptation: Catholic Priests and the Sexual Abuse of Children*. He has previously published *Amazing Grace: With Charles Evers in Mississippi* and *Up From the Cradle of Jazz*, a history of New Orleans music.

In the autumn of 1984, Jason Berry stumbled against a stone: He first heard of the sexual abuse of boys by a priest in Cajun country in Louisiana. Since then that stone has become a mountain. Between 1984 and 1992, Berry's even-handed reporting has turned up 400 other priests and brothers in North America who have molested youngsters. To date \$400 million has been paid by the church in legal, medical and psychological expenses related to these cases.

With an epic novelist's touch, Berry evokes the unparalleled tragedy of this situation. We see hidden families and broken children fighting to regain faith and to secure a measure of justice. We see high church officials struggle to keep a lid on these scandals and to maintain credibility in the face of hard inquiries by the courts and the press. And we come to know the innermost thoughts of the abusive priests and to understand the radically changing nature of the priesthood.

This is a book by a "loving critic," as the author calls himself. The cost of these scandals has been huge, and the only way to make things right again is to bring this painful story into the light. In this classic and courageous work, Berry sounds the note of outrage in the keys of hope and compassion.

Barbara Blaine

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Barbara Blaine is a survivor of child sexual abuse by a priest, founder and leader of SNAP (Survivors Network For Those, Who As Children, Were Sexually Abused By Priests). She is also the founder of a support group for women who were sexually abused as children at the Center for Psychiatry, Little Company of Mary Hospital. Ms. Blaine holds a Masters of Social Work and is a candidate for Master of Divinity degree.

James L. Cavanaugh, Jr., M.D. Isaac Ray Center, Inc., 1725 West Harrison Street, Suite 303, Chicago, Illinois 60612

Dr. James Cavanaugh is a Professor of Psychiatry, Rush Medical College, Director of the Section on Psychiatry and Law, Rush-Presbyterian-St. Luke's Medical Center, and the founder and current Chairman of the Board of Directors of the Isaac Ray Center in Chicago. Dr. Cavanaugh is a past president of the Illinois Psychiatric Society, a past secretary of the American Academy of Psychiatry and the Law, and Editor Emeritus, *Behavioral Sciences and the Law*, John Wiley & Sons, New York. Dr. Cavanaugh has authored and published numerous papers with colleagues on the various clinical aspects of paraphilic disorders.

The Isaac Ray Center, founded in 1978, is named in honor of Isaac Ray, M.D. (1807-1881), a founder of the American Psychiatric Association and father of modern forensic psychiatry. It is a specialized legal psychiatric program, and its staff is devoted to helping society deal more effectively with complex behavior problems; problems that often have the potential for future legal consequences. The Isaac Ray Center's Sexual Behavior Clinic treats selected sexual misconduct cases on a private basis.

Fr. Thomas P. Doyle, O.P. 305 AREFW/HC, Grissom AFB, Indiana 46971

Fr. Doyle earned his M.A. degree in Canon Law from the University of Ottawa (1977) and J.C.L. Pontifical Degree in Canon law from St. Paul's University, Ottawa (1977).

Fr. Doyle was appointed Secretary-Canonist to the Apostolic Nunciature (Vatican Embassy) in Washington, D.C. in September, 1981, and served in that capacity until 1986. He was appointed Judge of the Tribunal of the Archdiocese for the Military Services, Washington, D.C. in January, 1986. Fr. Doyle was named Judge of the Tribunal of of the Diocese of Scranton, Pennsylvania, in February, 1986. In addition to canonical duties, he was appointed Special Assistant to the Archbishop of the Military Archdiocese in October, 1988. Fr. Doyle entered active duty as a chaplain in the United States Air Force September 30, 1990.

As a member of the Canon Law Society of America, Fr. Doyle has served one term as member of the Board of Governors and three terms as Chairman of the Marriage Theology Committee. While in this position, he created and edited *Marriage Studies*, a scholarly journal. Three volumes have been published. Also Fr. Doyle was asked by the leadership of the Society to author the section on marriage in the commentary prepared on the revised Code of Canon Law. In 1986, he was asked to prepare and edit

the *fontes*, or footnotes, to the annotated edition of *The Code of Canon Law*.

He has extensive teaching experience as visiting lecturer in graduate courses in Canon Law at the Catholic University of America. Faculty member, teaching courses in marriage theology and jurisprudence at the Matrimonial Tribunal Institute of the Catholic University of America and the Midwest Tribunal Institute, Mundelein, Illinois. Fr. Doyle was the visiting professor of Canon Law and the Catholic Theological Union, Chicago, Illinois 1979-1981. He lectured in Religious Law and History of Canon Law at the University of Spirituality, River Forest, Illinois.

Fr. Doyle has given lectures and seminars on various aspects of Church Law, marriage theology and legal history throughout the United States and Canada. In 1986, he was the featured lecturer for the annual convention of the Canon Law Society of Australia and New Zealand. He has lectured on clergy malpractice throughout the United States. He has authored procedures and policies dealing with clergy malpractice for dioceses and religious communities throughout the country.

Fr. Doyle has been involved with the issue of sexual abuse of children by the clergy since the fall of 1984. At that time he was secretary-canonist for the Vatican Embassy and was assigned the task of monitoring the correspondence regarding the case of Fr. Gilbert Gauthier in Lafayette, Louisiana. As such, he worked closely with Fr. Michael Peterson, M.D. and Attorney Ray Mouton. Realizing that this could well be a growing problem throughout the country, in concert wrote an extensive 92-page volume on the looming crisis; it was distributed privately to the nation's Catholic Bishops 1985. Though their attempts and efforts at convincing the NCCB to establish a research committee and a crisis intervention team were futile, many bishops throughout the country called upon this threesome for assistance with specific cases or to present seminars to clergy about the issue. Fr. Doyle has written several articles on the issue and has also authored or co-authored policies and procedures for several dioceses and religious communities in the United States, Canada, Australia and New Zealand. In addition to working with bishops and religious superiors, Fr. Doyle has worked directly with victims and their families, law enforcement officials, attorneys, and priest-abusers. In concert with Ray Mouton and in the spirit of Rev. Dr. Mike Peterson (deceased), Fr. Doyle provides an account of how clergy abuse stretching across all denominations has been dealt with by civil and church authorities, especially since 1984.

Fr. Doyle recently was recipient of the prestigious Cavallo Prize for Moral Courage, awarded June 25, 1992, recognizing Fr. Doyle to be an individual who "has chosen to speak out when it would have been far easier to remain silent."

Rev. Marie Fortune

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Rev. Fortune received her seminary training at Yale Divinity School and was ordained a minister in the United Church of Christ in 1976. After serving in a local parish, she founded the Center for the Prevention of Sexual and Domestic Violence where she presently serves as Executive

Director. The Center, located in Seattle Washington, is an educational ministry serving as a training resource to religious communities in the United States and Canada.

Rev. Fortune is a pastor, educator, and author as well as a practicing ethicist and theologian. Among other titles, she is the author of *Clergy Misconduct: Sexual Abuse in the Ministerial Relationship* (with Deborah Woolley, et al, CPSDV, 1992); *Is Nothing Sacred? When Sex Invades the Pastoral Relationship* (Harper & Row, 1989) which won the Book of the Year Award from the Academy of Parish Clergy; *Preventing Child Sexual Abuse* (with Kathy Goering Reid, United Church Press, 1989); and *Keeping the Faith: Questions and Answers for Abused Women* (Harper & Row, 1987).

Rev. Fortune is the recipient of several distinguished awards: The Antoinette Brown Award for Outstanding Woman Minister in the United Church of Christ in the United States (1987); Honorary Doctor of Humane Letters from Starr King School for the Ministry, Berkeley, California (1991); and Alumna Award of Distinction, Yale Divinity School, New Haven, Connecticut (1992).

Fr. Andrew Greeley

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Fr. Greeley is a Roman Catholic priest. He obtained his M.A. in Sociology and his Ph.D. in Sociology from the University of Chicago. He has authored numerous books, studies and articles, and currently holds a professorship of social science at the University of Chicago. Fr. Greeley recognizes that the church has forced itself again and again into adversarial relationships with trusting and devout laity and has expressed his position in *The Chicago-Sun Times* on numerous occasions. Even when the church desperately wants to reform its response to the pedophilia problem, it seems to be trapped in the perspectives and the paradigms of its past blunders. "The old game of hiding, covering up, bribing and intimidating won't work anymore," says Fr. Greeley. "The parents of victims are now too well-educated, too sophisticated, too angry and hurt to be bought off on the cheap or to be threatened into silence." Fr. Greeley's presentation deals with those factors in clerical culture that lead to the mammoth denial mechanisms among the hierarchy when faced with the problems of sexual abuse by clergy. Over the past year, Fr. Greeley has insisted that Special Prosecutors be appointed in Chicago and where local law enforcement authorities resist prosecution of clergy sex offenders.

Pertinent to the issues surrounding sexual misconduct among clergy, are Fr. Greeley's published works: *Wages of Sin, The Catholic Myth, and Occasion of Sin*.

Kenneth V. Lanning

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Kenneth V. Lanning is a Supervisory Special Agent assigned to the Behavioral Science Unit at the FBI Academy in Quantico, Virginia. He entered on duty with the FBI in 1970 and has been involved in studying the criminal aspects of deviant sexual behavior since 1973. He has specialized in the study of sexual victimization of children since 1981. He is a founding

member of the Board of Directors of the American Professional Society on the Abuse of Children (APSAC) and a member of the Advisory Board of the National Resource Center on Child Sexual Abuse.

Mr. Lanning has made presentations before the National Conferences on Sexual Victimization of Children, Child Abuse and Neglect, and Missing and Exploited Children; the National Symposium on Child Sexual Abuse; and the C. Henry Kempe National Center Annual Child Abuse and Neglect Symposium. He has testified before the U.S. Attorney General's Task Force on Family Violence, the President's Task Force on Victims of Crime, and the U.S. Attorney General's Commission on Pornography. Mr. Lanning has also testified before the U.S. Senate and the House of Representatives and as an expert witness in state and federal court.

Mr. Lanning has published articles in the *FBI Law Enforcement Bulletin* and is a contributing author to Ann Wolbert Burgess' *Child Pornography and Sex Rings* (Lexington Books, 1984) and to Dolf Zillman and Jennings Bryant's *Pornography: Research Advances and Policy Considerations* (Lawrence Erlbaum Associates, 1989). He is the 1990 recipient of the Jefferson Award for Research from the University of Virginia for his research on the ritualistic abuse of children. He has authored one monograph entitled, *Child Molesters: A Behavioral Analysis for Law Enforcement* and another entitled *Child Sex Rings: A Behavioral Analysis* which have been widely distributed by the National Center for Missing and Exploited Children. Mr. Lanning has lectured before and trained thousands of police officers and criminal justice professionals.

Mary Martone, MSW, ACSW

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Mary Martone is the Assistant Director of the Behavioral Sciences Department at LaRabida Children's Hospital and Research Center in Chicago, Illinois. Mary Martone is a primary developer of the "Victim Sensitive Interview" procedure which has become the protocol for the City of Chicago Police Department, the Cook County State's Attorney's Office and the Illinois Department of Children and Family Services.

The goal of the Victim Sensitive Interview program is to reduce the number of interviews that child sexual abuse victims are exposed to in the investigation phase of the case. With the reduction of interviews, this also reduces the anxiety and trauma that a child experiences. A second goal is to aid in prosecution of offenders.

Jeanne M. Miller, M.A.

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Jeanne Miller is the President and Executive Director of VOCAL, Inc. (Victims of Clergy Abuse Linkup). The mother of a victim herself, Jeanne recognized that clergy abuse has a long-lasting, pervasive and devastating psychological impact, manifesting itself in many different forms and leaving scores of victims, direct and indirect, in its wake. A sense of betrayal which results when clergy exploit their special positions of trust, authority and power is felt by everyone: families, friends, spouses, congregations and institutional religion itself as such abuse compromises the ministry of faithful pastors and the integrity of its leadership. Since August, 1991, when

Jeanne founded VOCAL in response to this assault on innocence and faith, she has heard from 3,000 people nationwide.

Having raised four children, Jeanne has and continues to be an advocate for the safety and well-being of children and has demonstrated her commitment to youth over the years. She has served as PTA President and Juvenile Protection Chairperson both locally and for the State of Illinois. In 1984 and 1985, she won a State PTA grant to design and develop a drug prevention program in local public school districts, and ultimately founded the Wheeling Township Chemical People Task Force, a community-wide networking organization striving toward the prevention of youth drug and alcohol abuse and the reinforcement of children's self-esteem and decision-making skills.

Within her community, she conceived, developed and authored FRIEND (Families Reuniting in Effective New Dialogue), a monthly newsletter comprising information crucial to family networking which was distributed through the local public school district. She served as a den leader and den leader coach in her community for five years. She has written, directed and produced children's plays and theatrical productions both in parishes and in public school districts.

Jeanne is a 1982 graduate of the Archdiocese of Chicago's Lay Ministry Training Program. She served her church community for 13 years as a religious educator, Master Catechist and Youth Retreat Coordinator. In 1981, she co-authored *Close Encounters of God's Kind*, self-esteem retreats for grade-school children, currently being used throughout the country and by missions in Africa, Australia and Poona, India.

She is the author of *Assault on Innocence* (Albuquerque: B&K Publishers), written under the pseudonym, Hilary Stiles. Jeanne has also published her thesis, *Pedophilia in the Priesthood, A Church in Crisis*.

Jeanne is the recipient of numerous awards including the 1983 Illinois State PTA Life Membership (single annual award "In appreciation of devoted services rendered in behalf of children and youth"); 1984 Northwest Suburban Volunteer Services Bureau, Volunteer of the Year Award (single annual award "In grateful recognition for devoted and meritorious service as a volunteer"); 1985 Village of Arlington Heights, Certificate of Commendation ("In grateful appreciation for her contributions to our community and its children"); 1986 Illinois Crime Prevention Officers Association, Crime Prevention Volunteer of the Year for the State of Illinois ("In recognition of her contributions and dedication to Crime Prevention"); 1987 OMNI Youth Services, first annual OMNI Service to Youth Award ("for your commitment, dedication, and significant investment of time and energy made to the youth of Wheeling Township"); and 1987 commendation from Nancy Reagan ("for devoted service on behalf of youth").

Jeanne earned her M.A. in religious studies with a concentration on Creation Theology from Mundelein College, Chicago.

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Dr. Pilch holds a Ph.D. in Scripture from Marquette University. He was an instructor at St. Mary of the Lake Seminary, Mundelein, Illinois, from 1971 to 1974. He has received wide acclaim for his parish missions, retreats, continuing clergy education programs in scripture and wellness spirituality from 1977 to present. Dr. Pilch has been a presenter in programs conducted by the Servants of the Paraclete at Jemez Springs, New Mexico, and Dittmer, Missouri. He has provided individual counseling for victims of clergy abuse.

Dr. Pilch is the author of many books including, *Wellness Spirituality* (New York: Crossroad, 1985); and *St. Francis: Model of Wholeness* (Kansas City: Credence Cassettes). Materials pertinent to Dr. Pilch's presentation include: *Stories Your Pastor Never Told You* (Kansas City: Credence Cassettes, 1988) [Especially Tape 3: "Physical Punishment: A Window on Biblical Culture"]; *Introducing the Cultural Context of the Old Testament* (New York: Paulist Press, 1991) [Especially Session 4: Parenting (Discipline)]; and, *Introducing the Cultural Context of the New Testament* (New York: Paulist Press, 1991).

Chris Schmidt

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Abused as a child and adult for many years by her Presbyterian minister, Chris Schmidt has pursued legal and ecclesiastical avenues to bring her perpetrator to accountability. She has been active in working within church structures to create effective clergy abuse policies and procedures in both the Presbyterian and Episcopalian denominations. This past May, she testified before the New York State Senate Codes Committee to advocate for the abolishment of the statute of limitations for cases of child sex abuse. A member of VOICES (Victims of Incest Can Emerge Survivors), she has organized a local support group for victims of child sex abuse and incest, and presented a workshop on survivors as parents at the VOICES National Conference in July, 1992. Chris is a member of VOCAL (Victims of Clergy Abuse Linkup), has been married for 22 years, is attempting to raise 4 children ages 6 to 14, and teaches college English.

Charles M. Sennott

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Charles M. Sennott, currently Deputy City Editor of the *New York Daily News*, was working for the *New York Post* when he was assigned to investigate the Covenant House story which earned him the Society of Professional Journalists award for Public Service in Newspaper Journalism in 1990. In his presentation, Mr. Sennott explores the role of the press - breaking the Father Bruce Ritter story was a sad, painful journey to the truth. It was also an eye opening experience about the reluctance of news organizations and even most reporters who work at them to take on the clergy. But with the stories that have broken in the last three years, it seems finally the press corps is beginning to understand the importance of exposing clergy abuse and pressuring the Church not only to recognize the problem, but do something about it.

The phone call came to me in the newsroom of the New York Post. "Sennott, pick up on six," an editor shouted across the room. A young man on the other

end of the line had a horrible story to tell. He was accusing Father Bruce Ritter -- the head of a national charity called Covenant House and a man who was regarded as a living saint -- of seducing him into a sexual relationship. I didn't believe the young man. I had heard of Father Bruce's good work and besides a lot of crazy people call newspapers. Probably just another street kid pulling a scam. Not the kind of story I wanted to have anything to do with. For one thing, it was a career ender if you were wrong. It was dark and disturbing.

As I tried to talk myself out of it, I could feel all the deference to the cloth I had learned growing up Irish Catholic in Boston coming back to me. Politicians, cops, mobsters, and movie stars were all fair game in the newspaper business. But not priests. You don't go around investigating priests for sexual abuse, I thought. I set up a meeting with the young caller, but figured he'd never show up and that would be the end of it. But the story slowly took on a life of its own. After the phone call and a few meetings with the young man, the Manhattan District Attorney's office began investigating the case. As I scoured for details a new portrait of Ritter emerged as a man obsessed with power and a master of manipulation. Soon other victims came forward. And every time I would unearth a new horrifying detail, the church or the charity would try to cover it up, gloss it over with public relations people, or threatened the paper with lawyers. Finally, Ritter stepped down and disappeared. He cut a deal with the District Attorney to resign and promised never to work with children again. The D.A. -- dreading the political nightmare of prosecuting a saint -- was happy to have it over with.

But it was hardly a satisfying ending for the victims and for the people who donated to Covenant House. To its credit, the charity did its own investigation concluding that the sexual abuse did occur. So Ritter fit perfectly into the Church's pattern -- denial that it happened, reshuffling a troubled priest off to another assignment, and then trying to mop up the mess with out of court settlements.

But during Ritter's precipitous fall from grace, a debate raged in the journalistic community of New York. Reporters and editors who I respected turned their back on the story. Despite the hard evidence in front of them, they chose to look the other way, to tread lightly, they didn't want to make waves.

Mr. Sennott spent more than two years researching and writing *Broken Covenant*. He interviewed more than 100 people, including Ritter's young victims, his fellow priests, his coworkers, in order to write a fair portrait of a man who was filled with mixed motives.

Mr. Sennott has been a reporter for the last 8 years, starting at National Public Radio, then writing for the *Record of Hackensack*, N.J., the *New York Post* and the *New York Daily News* where he was recently promoted to City Editor. He has reported on the drug wars from Medellin, Colombia to the streets of New York. He covered the Persian Gulf War as well as numerous murders, mob hits, political corruption scandals, uprisings and riots. "But by far the most difficult assignment, the most painful journey to the truth, was breaking the Father Ritter story," says Sennott.

A. W. Richard Sipe

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Richard Sipe, an ordained Catholic Priest, is now retired from the active ministry and lives in Maryland, where he is a psychotherapist in private practice. He has conducted lectures at John Hopkins Medical School where he has held an appointment (part time) in the Department of Psychiatry since 1972. Among other notable works, he is the author of *A Secret World: Sexuality and the Search for Celibacy* (New York: Brunner / Mazel).

Among other appointments, Richard Sipe has served on the faculties of three major seminaries in the United States. He has also served as Consultant in Family Therapy, North Baltimore Center; Counselor, Loyola College Counseling Service (Acting Director 1974); Director of Family Services, The Seton Psychiatric Institute, Baltimore, Maryland; Executive Director, Saint John's University Institute for Mental Health, Collegeville, Minnesota.

Richard Sipe has served on the Advisory Committee for the Isaac Taylor Institute for Psychiatry and Religion (1986-1989); Board of Directors for St. Luke's Institute, Suitland, Maryland (1986-1988); Board of Directors for the Institute for Religion and Human Development [Chairman 1977-1983] (1977-1984); the Baltimore Archdiocese Commission on women in the Church; Institute for Ecumenical and Cultural Research: Project Fellow [Faith; Human Condition] (1977-1982); and Consultant to the Committee for the American Medical Association Handbook on Human Sexuality (1969).

Beth Vargo

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Beth Vargo is the President and co-founder of the Illinois Chapter of **Believe the Children**, 1986 to the present. She is a Community Relations Representative, Center for Treatment of Ritualistic Deviance, Hartgrove Hospital, 1989 to the present. Beth became involved in this issue as a result of her own child being ritualistically abused in a pre-school setting.

Portia Wallace

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Detective Wallace has been a Youth Officer with the Lake County Sheriff's Department for 13 years. For the past 12 years she has specialized in child sexual abuse investigations where she has enjoyed the most success in her career. Her commitment has led her to pursuing a degree in criminal justice and volunteering to assist in community programs designed for the well being of women and children. She understands the need for adult support of children having been a single parent herself for 16 years. She is an outspoken advocate for women and children and her relentless efforts in this regard have justly earned her distinguished awards for outstanding service to her community and profession: Chicago Crime Commission Award of Merit (1984); Waukegan Jaycee's Distinguished Service Award (1985); American Business Association's Woman of the Year (1985); Big Brothers / Big Sisters President's Award (1986); Illinois Women In Law Enforcement Officer of the Year (1989); American Business Association's Citizen of the Year (1990); Special Citation from the American Legion 10th

District Council (1990); Resolution from the Lake County Chiefs of Police Association (1990). For 9 years she was the Board President of Big Brothers / Big Sisters. She has served on the Advisory Counsel for the Residential Re-education Ranch (a community action project); chaired the United Way Advisory Committee; served on the Criminal Justice Committee of the Lake County Fighting Back Project; served as a member of the Lake County Juvenile Officers Association; and extended training and counseling sessions in the area of child sexual abuse relating to investigations and victim interviews, as well as giving presentations related to sexual assault prevention to community groups, women's groups, and schools in an effort to reduce the risk of assault. Her responsiveness to that arises from her belief that women and children need to be well educated on sexual assault to alter their thinking and thereby reduce the risk of sexual assault.

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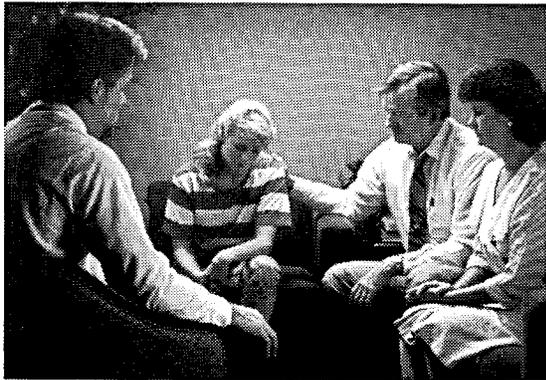
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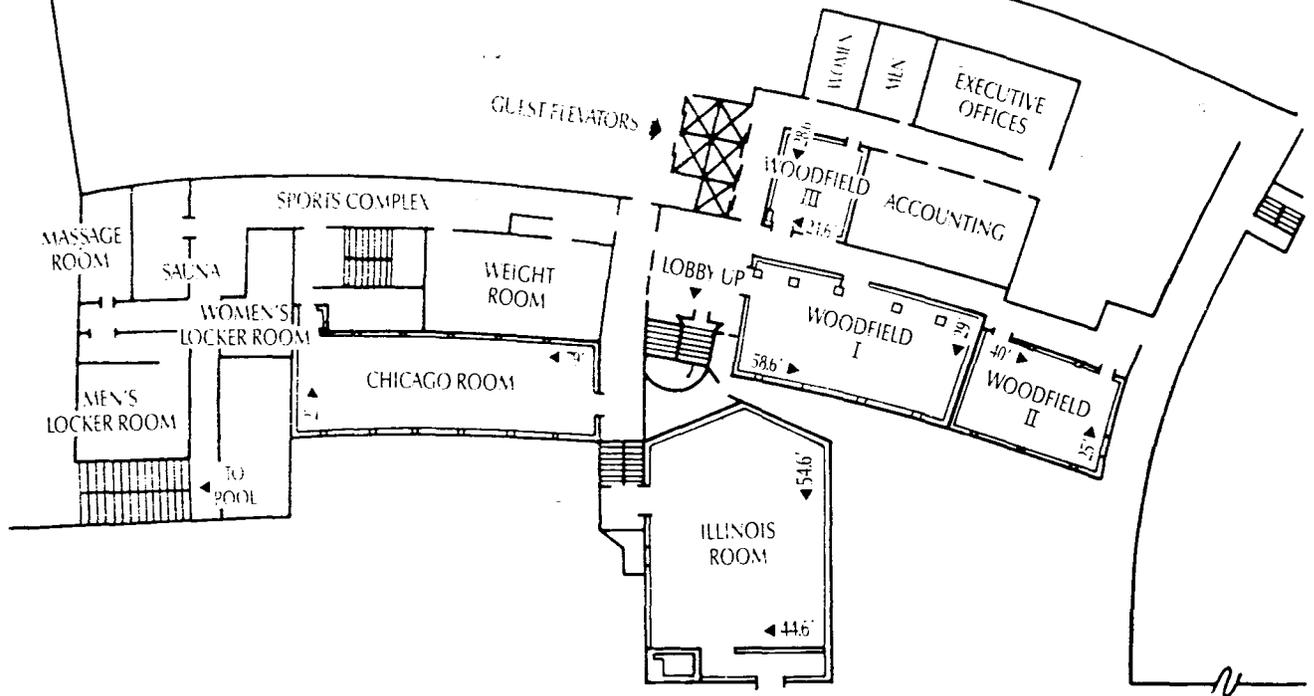
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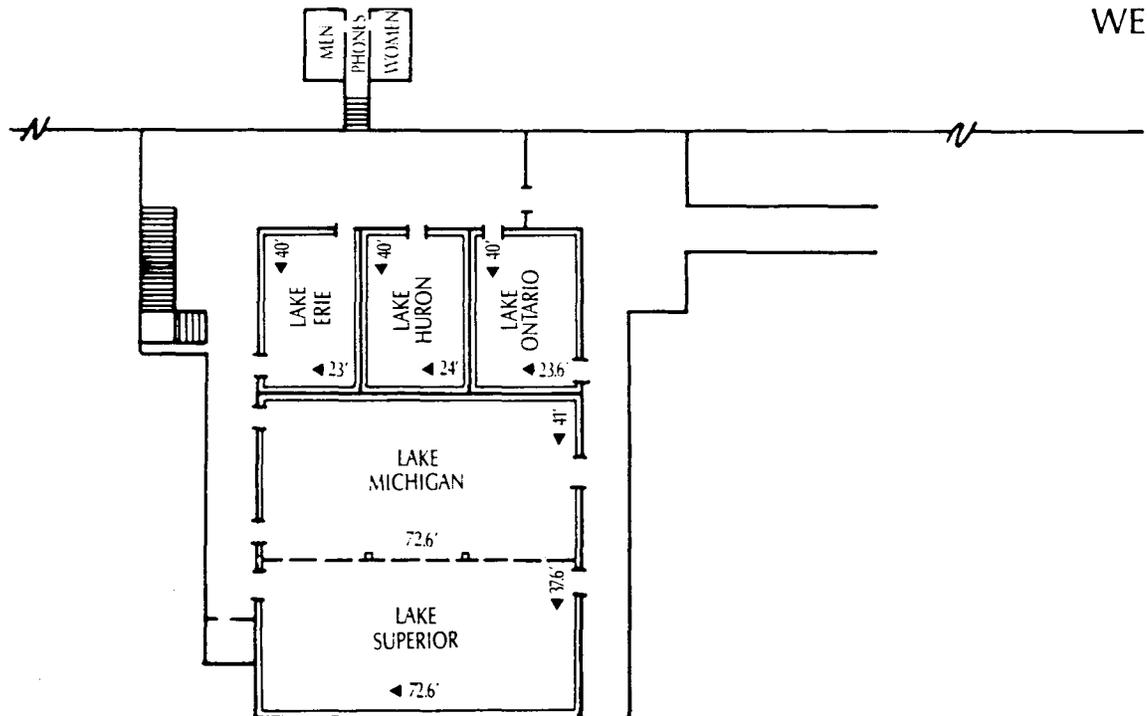
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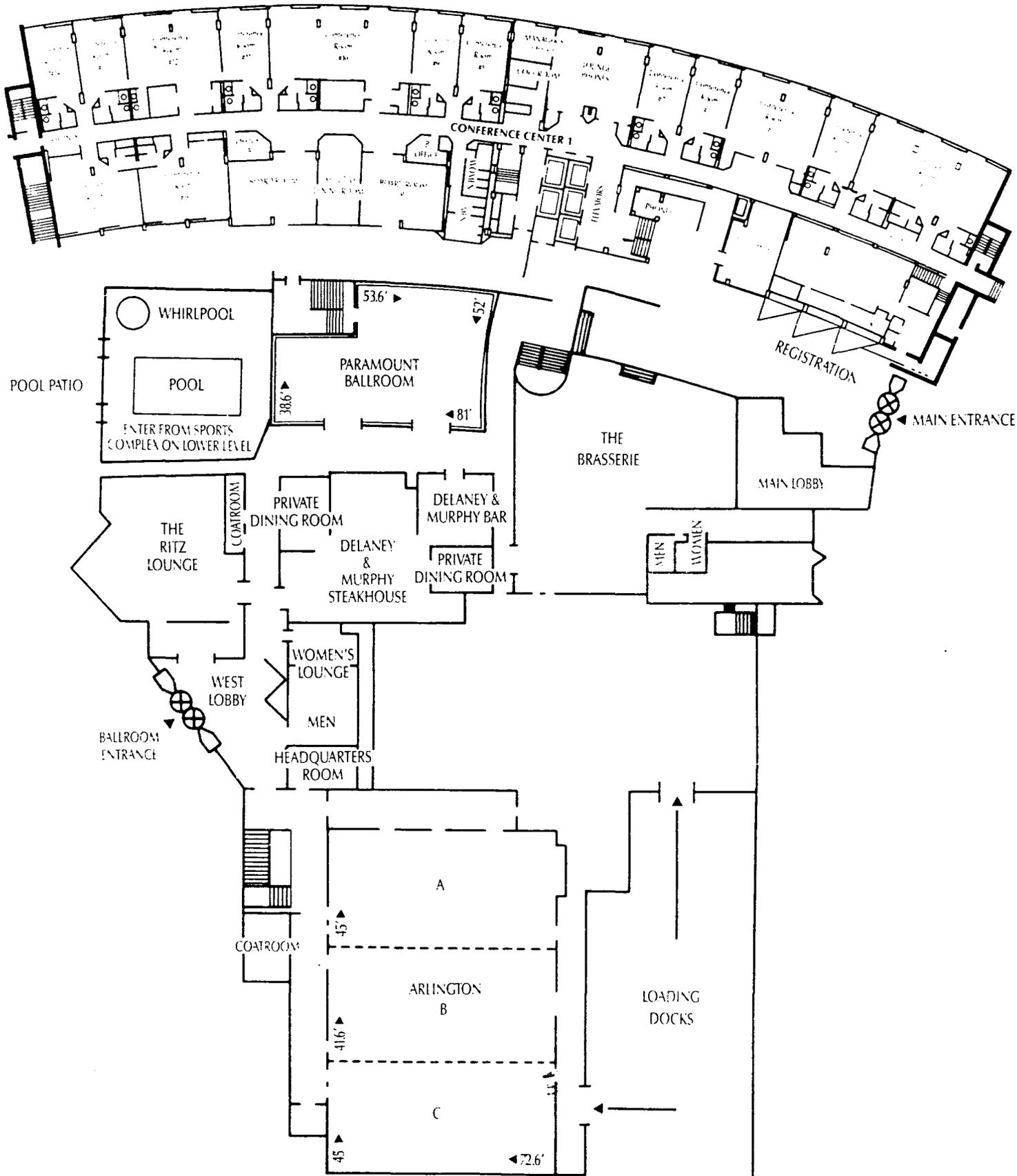
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